

## Annual Report 2022

### Department of English

### Green University of Bangladesh



**Photo-1: Group photograph of the Proctor, Chairperson and all the faculty members of Department of English**

#### **1. Overview of the Department**

The Department of English, one of the vibrant departments at GUB, fosters a rigorous study of English language and literature related to various literary periods and geographical areas. The curriculum of the department is designed and implemented in accordance with the modern international standard of English studies maintained by eminent universities of both the East and the West. Literature courses of the program strive to promote a comprehensive knowledge of



human culture by a perceptive reading practice and a critical appreciation of English texts by both native and non-native authors across the globe. Students are accordingly trained in scholarly methods, including archival research, theoretical assessment, cultural studies as well as aesthetic critique. Special attention is also laid to the exploration of gender studies, post-colonial writings and literary theories in addition to the study of traditional genres of European literature.

Considering the growing importance of English as a crucial means of communication and artistic expression, the Department of English at GUB combines linguistics and ELT courses to familiarize the learners with the basics of language and to ensure their attainment of communicative skills and essential strategies in English. The linguistics concentration places a special emphasis on the study of English phonetics and phonology, analysis of English morphology and syntax, plus the theories of language acquisition. In addition to these major courses, the department also provides intensive mentoring in critical and expository writing, editing and publishing through a variety of supplementary activities under the English Language Club.

### **Vision Statement of the Department**

The department of English envisions to be a center of excellence in teaching-learning English language and literatures, research and innovation in broader socio-cultural-environmental perspectives and prepare the graduates for meeting skillfully the defining challenges of the 21st century.

### **Mission Statement of the Department**

1. To impart high quality education at the undergraduate level with an emphasis on basic and advanced knowledge of English language and literature
2. To establish the department as a nationally and internationally recognized research centre with observable results and innovations and integrate them into an interdisciplinary approach.
3. To make the students academically competent, ethically driven, socially responsible citizens and skilled communicators within the global village



4. To hone the students' required skills to solve the complex socio-cultural-environmental-technological problems of the 21st century.

## **Core values**

### **We believe, we practice and we promote:**

Excellence in teaching and learning language and literature

Deeper understanding of life and society

Innovation in research

Integration of ethical values in academic and practical life

Leadership in social responsibility

Interdisciplinary approach

Lifelong learning and practice

Think green and live green

### **Tagline:**

Bringing brilliance in career and beyond

### **Strategic Priorities:**

- Recruit, retain quality faculty member
- Create and deliver a world class Bachelor program in English
- Enhance academic scholastic and professional skills
- Increase the level of language & literature



## **Basic Objectives of the Undergraduate English Program**

- To provide the students with an extensive knowledge of relevant areas within English studies, including literature, literary history, critical theory and linguistics;
- To help students achieve high proficiency in English by a comprehensive training in listening, speaking, reading and writing;
- To involve them in skills and techniques necessary for the appreciation and enjoyment of English literature and language;
- To familiarize the students with the variegated applications as well as the practical utilities of English studies in the modern life;
- To prepare the students for creative works and modern research by broadening their faculty of observation, interpretation and critical thinking;
- To offer the students a meaningful education supportive of the development of individualism, professional skills and social values.

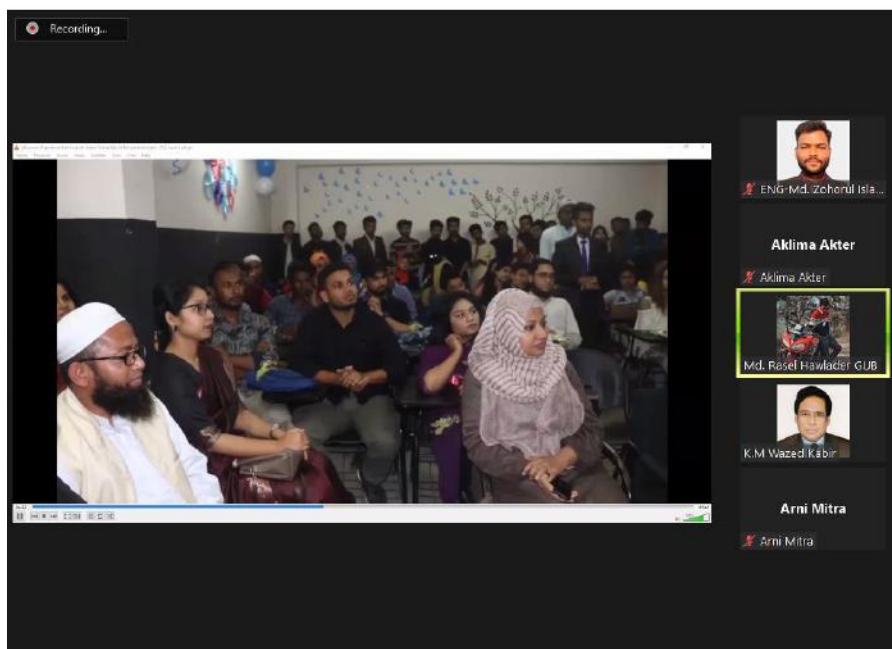
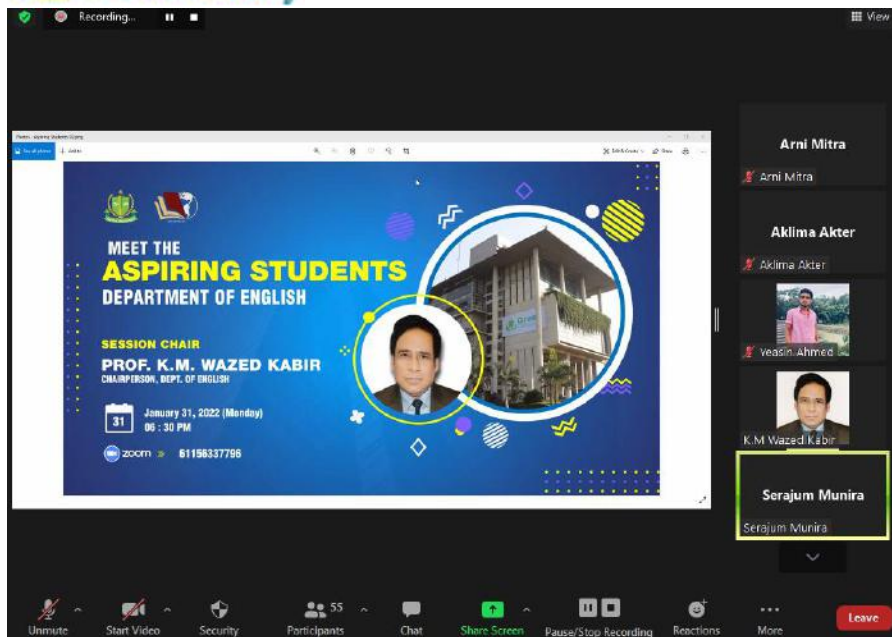
## **Key Features of the Department of English**

- Highly qualified faculty members from renowned institutions at home and abroad;
- Congenial academic atmosphere with special attention to the needs of learners;
- Small class size ensuring quality education and advancement of individual talents of the students;
- Well-planned syllabus with updated teaching and learning standards; Compulsory general education courses for widening students' knowledge in other vital disciplines;
- Adequate opportunity for exploring courses in Literature, Language, Applied Linguistics and ELT;
- Modern Digital English Language Lab;
- English Language Club promoting variegated literary and linguistic activities.

## **2. Conferences, Seminars and Workshops organized by the Departments**

### **1. Meet the Aspiring Students of Spring 2022**

The Department of English has organized a virtual **Meet the Aspiring Students** program at 6:30 PM on Monday, January 31st, 2022. This program has created a platform for the University Admission aspirants and their guardians to learn about the academic and administrative activities run by the Department of English. Honorable Chairperson of Department of English, Green University of Bangladesh, Prof. K.M. Wazed Kabir, graced the program as the session Chair.

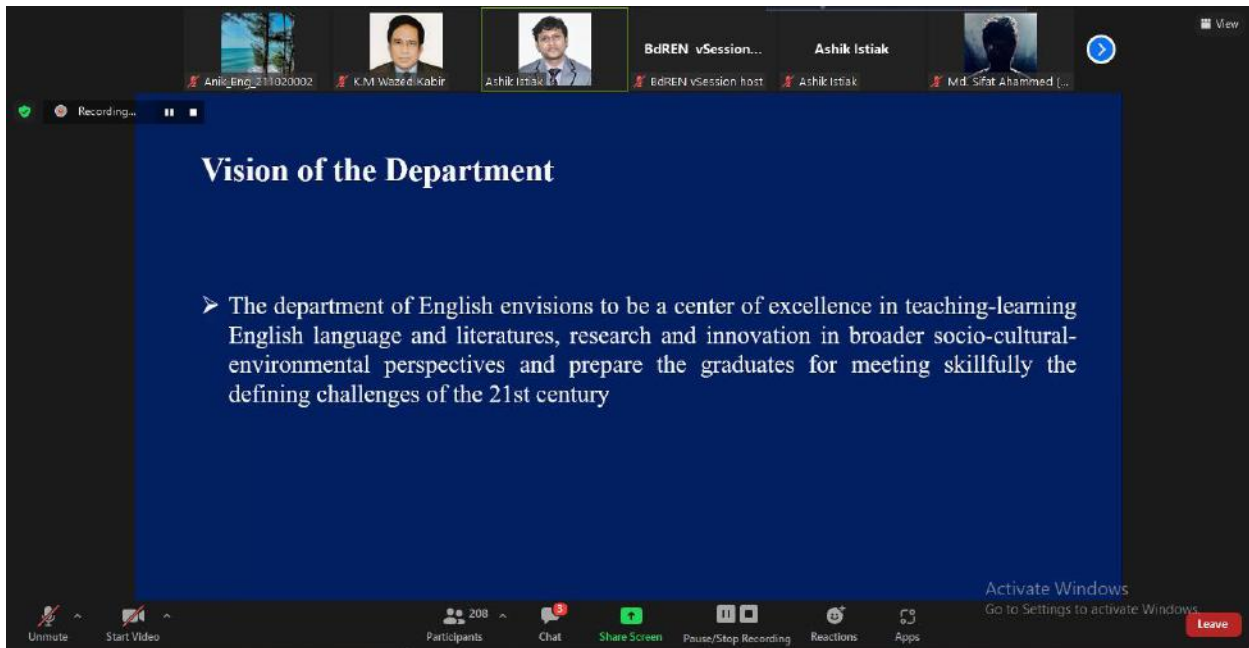


## 2. Freshers' Orientation Program, Spring 2022

Green University English Club (GUEC) in collaboration with the Department of English has organized the **Freshers' Orientation program for "Spring 2022"** semester through video-conferencing platform- Zoom on February 02, 2022 (Wednesday) at 3:00 PM. This program has been arranged to welcome the freshers from both the city campus and the permanent campus. Honorable Dean (Acting) of Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, and Law, Prof. Dr. Farhana Helal



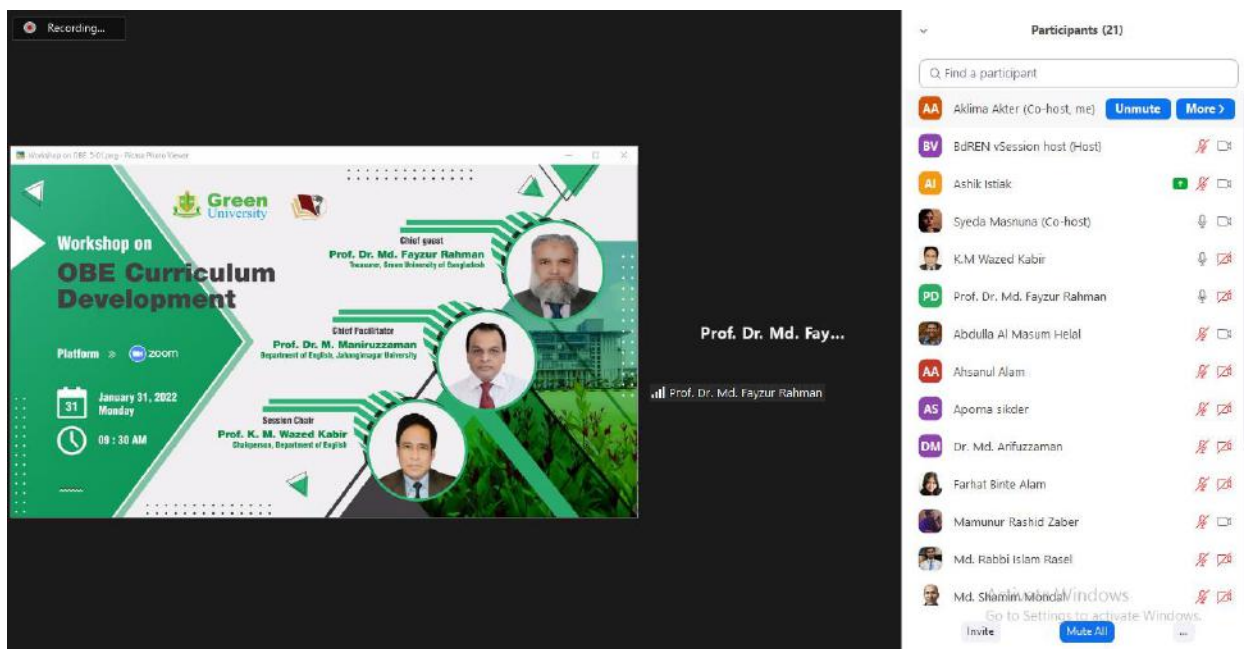
Mehtab joined the orientation program as the Chief Guest. Prof. Dr. Golam Ahmed Faruqui, Green Business School, attended the program as the Special Guest. Honorable Chairperson of the Department of English, Green University of Bangladesh, Prof. K. M. Wazed Kabir, graced the event as the Session Chair. There were a large number of participants (225+) in the program.





### 3. Workshop on OBE Curriculum Development


The Department of English has organized a day long workshop entitled “**OBE Curriculum Development**” on 31st January 2022 at 9.30 a.m. through online platform ZOOM. Prof. Dr. Md. Fayzur Rahman, Honorable Treasurer of Green University of Bangladesh, graced the event as the Chief Guest. Prof. Dr. M. Maniruzzaman, Professor in the Department of English at Jahangirnagar University facilitated the workshop. The workshop was presided over by Prof. K. M. Wazed Kabir, Chairperson, Department of English, Green University of Bangladesh. All the faculty members from the Department of English and Language Center have joined the workshop.





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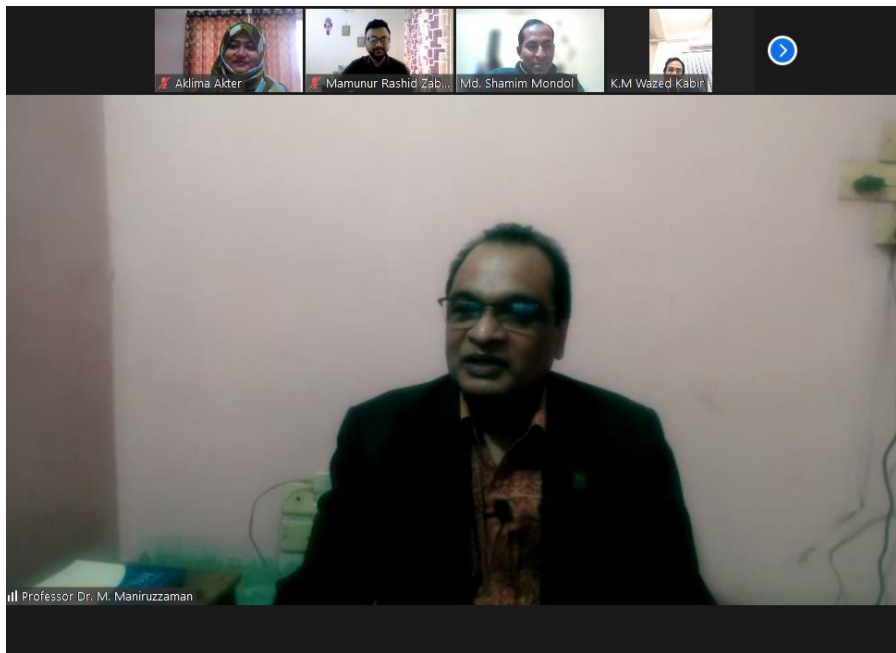
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- Sumaiya Afreen
- Mohammad Mohiuddin
- Ashik Istiak
- K.M Wazed Kabir
- Md. Shamim Mondol
- Aklima Akter
- Tabassum Islam Nabanee
- ENG-Md. Zohorul Islam
- Md. Rabbi Islam Rasel
- Munira Machuri

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- Munira Nawar
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- Aklima Akter
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- Md. Shamim Mondol
- K.M Wazed Kabir

Large video feed of Professor Dr. M. Maniruzzaman.

Participants (17)

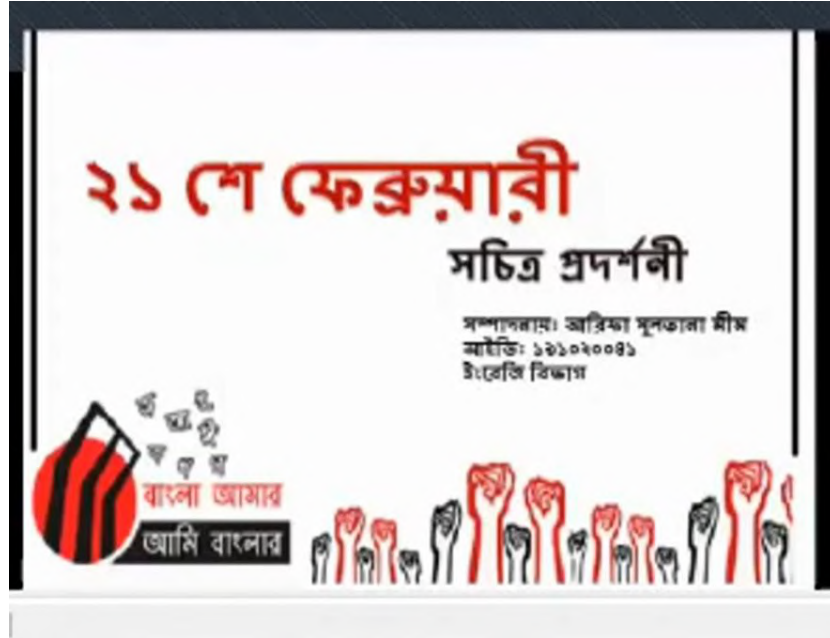
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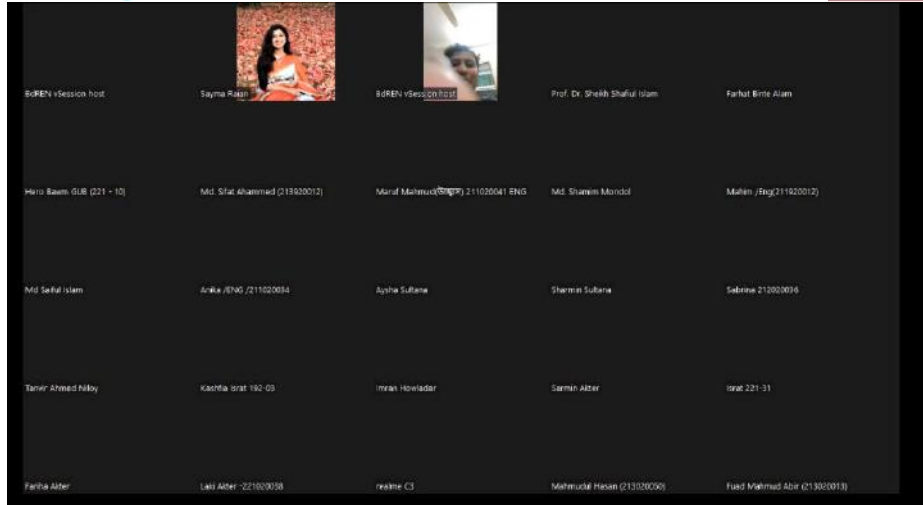
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#### 4. 21<sup>st</sup> February Celebration

The department of English, Green University of Bangladesh successfully celebrated International Mother Language Day titled "প্রজন্ম থেকে প্রজন্মের অমর একুশ" on 21st February, 2022 at 3.00p.m. via zoom platform. The program consisted of a cultural segment as well as a lively and informative discussion. Prof. Dr. Sheikh Mohammad Shafiul Islam, Chairman, Department of Journalism and Media Communication, Green University of Bangladesh, was the Chief Guest. Prof. K. M. Wazed Kabir, Chairman, Department of English, Green University of Bangladesh presided over the event. Honourable Registrar, Mr. Md Saiful Islam also graced the program with his presence as the Special Guest.





## 5. Seminar on Robert Frost

Department of English in collaboration with the Permanent Campus English Club, Green University of Bangladesh, arranged a **seminar** on Robert Frost titled "**The Road 'less traveled by'**" on **11th March, 2022** at 11.00 am at the **Permanent Campus** of Green University of Bangladesh. The keynote speaker of the seminar was renowned scholar and poet **Dr. Gauranga Mohanta**, former **Director of Higher Education Quality Enhance Project (HEQEP)**. **Dr. Aminur Rahaman**, Associate Professor, CSE, and Campus Director, GUB Permanent Campus

and renowned poet and translator **Mr. Mostafa Tofayel Hossain** were the special guests. **Professor Dr. Farhana Helal Mehtab**, Dean, Faculty of Law and Arts and Social Sciences, Green University of Bangladesh, adorned the event as the Chief Guest. **Prof. K. M. Wazed Kabir**, Chairperson, Department of English, Green University of Bangladesh, graced the seminar as the Session Chair.







## 6. Farewell of Several Batches

The Department of English organized a farewell program for our students from batch 161 to 181 on Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> 2022. **Prof. Dr. Md. Fayzur Rahman**, Honorable Treasurer of Green University of Bangladesh, graced the program as the chief guest. **Prof. Dr. Golam Ahmed Faruqui**, Green Business School, was present in the program as the special guest. The farewell program was presided over by the honorable Chairperson of the Department of English, Green University of Bangladesh, **Prof. K. M. Wazed Kabir**.





## 7. Iftar Mahfil, 2022

Green University English Club (GUEC) in collaboration with the Department of English organized an "Iftar and Dua Mahfil," on **21st April, 2022** at Room A-302 at the City Campus. **Prof. Dr. Md. Golam Samdani Fakir**, honourable Vice-Chancellor, Green University of Bangladesh, was the Chief Guest of the program. **Prof. Dr. Md. Abdur Razzaque**, Adviser, Green University of Bangladesh, **Prof. Dr. Md. Fayzur Rahman**, Treasurer, **Prof. Dr. Md Saiful Azad**, Dean, Faculty of Science and Engineering, **Prof. K.M. Wazed Kabir**, Chairperson, Department of

English, were among the guests who graced the event. **Dr Abul Hossain**, Chairperson, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, **Dr. Mohammad Afzal Hossain Khan** and **Dr Md. Aliur Rahman**, Assistant Professors, Department of Journalism and Mass Media Communication, graciously joined us. About 180 students and the faculty members of the English department joined the iftar mahfil. The attendance of so many students made the event lively and successful.





## 8. Freshers' Orientation program for the "Summer 2022"

Green University English Club (GUEC) in collaboration with the Department of English has organized the **Freshers' Orientation program for the "Summer 2022"** semester on **Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 12:00 PM**. Honorable Dean of Law and Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, **Prof. Dr. Farhana Helal Mehtab** joined the orientation program as the Special Guest. Honorable Chairperson of the Department of English, Green University of Bangladesh, **Prof. K. M. Wazed Kabir**, graced the event as the Chair.



**Photo: The chairperson Prof. Dr. K M Wazed Kabir is giving a speech**



**Photo: Faculties with the freshers**

### **Seminar titled "Spatial Implications in Sabitri Upakhyan by Hasan Azizul Huq"**

The Department of English in collaboration with the Green University English Club (GUEC) successfully arranged its first faculty seminar titled "**Spatial Implications in Sabitri Upakhyan by Hasan Azizul Huq**" on 22nd August, 2022 at 3.00pm at the IQAC Auditorium (A 302) of Green University of Bangladesh. The event was a great success. It inspired the students and the teachers to learn more and enriched their knowledge.



**Photo: Respective faculties in the Seminar titled "Spatial Implications in Sabitri Upakhyan by Hasan Azizul Huq"**



**Photo: Seminar titled "Spatial Implications in Sabitri Upakhyan by Hasan Azizul Huq"**

### **Freshers' Orientation program for "Fall 2022"**

The Department of English in collaboration with Green University English Club (GUEC) has organized the **Freshers' Orientation program for the "Fall 2022"** semester on **October 04, 2022 (Tuesday) at 11:40 AM**. This program was arranged to welcome the freshers of **the city campus**. Honorable Vice Chancellor **Prof. Dr. Md. Golam Samdani Fakir** graced the orientation program as the Chief Guest. Honorable Chairperson of the Department of English, Green University of Bangladesh, **Prof. Dr. Md. Shahidullah**, presided over the program. **Prof. K. M. Wazed Kabir**, Professor, Department of English & Proctor of Green University of Bangladesh, delivered the welcome speech by congratulating the freshers.



**Photo: Distinguished Prof. Dr. Md. Golam Samdani Fakir graced the orientation program as the Chief Guest.**



**Photo: A glimpse of Freshers' Orientation program for "Fall 2022"**

### **"Meet the Chairperson", Dept. of English**

Mentor moderator Ms. Dr. Serajum Munira, Department of English organized a "Meet the Chairperson" program with 223 batch students from 9 am to 10 am, in room no- C502, on 15th November, 2022. In this program, the Department Chairperson Prof. Dr. Md. Shahidullah was the special guest. He gave an inspiring speech with lots of information, valuable suggestions, and directions for the future of the students. It was a wonderful and well-organized program with 223 batch students.



**Photo: The Chairperson, Dept. of English illuminated with his speech in the "Meet the Chairperson" Event, Dept. of English**



**Photo: A glimpse of "Meet the Chairperson" Event, Dept. of English**

## **2nd Faculty Seminar, Dept. of English**

Mr. Ashik Istiak, Assistant Professor, Department of English, has successfully and brilliantly presented on "American Indigenous Tricksters: The Chippewas, the Iroquois and the Navajos" on December 9th, 2022 at the City Campus for the 2nd faculty seminar. Overall, the event was a success with Ashik Istiak's brilliance as a scholar and the contributions by the other honorable faculties with their speeches and discussions which the audience duly appreciated.



**Photo: A glimpse of 2nd Faculty Seminar, Dept. of English**



**Photo: Respective faculties in the 2nd Faculty Seminar, Dept. of English**

### **3. Arrivals, Departures and Promotions**

- i) Ms. Umme Hani M. Joher joined as a Lecturer in the department in January 2022.
- ii) Ms. Farhat Binte Alam joined as a Lecturer in the department in January 2022.
- iii) Ms. Sayma Raian joined as a Lecturer in the department in January 2022.
- iv) Mr. Ashik Istiak was promoted as an Assistant Professor in March 2022.
- v) Prof. Dr. M. Shahidullah joined as the Chairperson of the Department of English in June 2022.
- v) Ms. Serajum Munira was promoted as an Associate Professor in August 2022.

### **4. Student Club Activities**

#### **Intra-Department Friendship Cricket Tournament**

The Department of English has organized an Intra-Department Friendship Cricket Tournament. The first match of the tournament was held on Friday, June 24, 2022. The final match of the tournament took place between a team from the city campus and another team from the permanent campus on **Friday, July 1, 2022 at 9:00 AM at the permanent campus**. Students from several batches joined the program with great enthusiasm. Honorable Chairperson of the Department of English, Green University of Bangladesh, **Prof. Dr. Mohammad Shahidullah**, graced the event as the chief guest. **Dr. Muhammad Aminur Rahman**, Director, Permanent Campus, joined the program as the special guest to encourage the participating teams. Sir motivated the teams with his words.



**Photo: The Chairperson of the Department of English, Prof Dr. M. Shahidullah played an encouraging role**



**Photo: Faculty members with the teams**

### **"Shakespeare Fest 2022"**

The Department of English in collaboration with Green University English Club (GUEC) has celebrated **"Shakespeare Fest 2022"** on 6 September 2023, by staging **William Shakespeare's** famous tragedy *Macbeth*. This tragedy dramatizes the detrimental physical and psychological ramifications of political ambition on individuals who strive for power.

Honorable Vice Chancellor of Green University of Bangladesh, **Prof. Dr. Golam Samdani Fakir** has joined the program as the Chief Guest. In addition, **Prof. Dr. Farhana Helal Mehtab**, Dean, Faculty of Business, Arts and Social Sciences, has graced the fest as the Special Guest. The event has been presided over by **Prof. Dr. M. Shahidullah**, Chairperson, Department of English. Also, **Prof. Dr. Md. Fayzur Rahman**, EEE Department and Treasurer of GUB, **Prof. Dr. ASM Shihavuddin**, Chairperson, EEE Department, **Prof. Dr. Sheikh Shafiul Islam**, JMC Department joined the program. **Prof. K. M. Wazed Kabir**, Department of English and Proctor of Green University of Bangladesh, has also joined the program. Faculty members and students from different departments also joined the event.

The distinguished guests of this auspicious event are **Prof. Shafi Ahmed**, Vice President, Theatre Education and Training Committee, International Training Institute, **Ms. Afsana Mimi**,

Director, Shilpakala Academy and **Mr. Md. Herock Mushfik**, Assistant Professor, Theatre and Performance Studies, Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University. Their presence has immensely inspired the young performers of GUEC.



**Photo: Actors and actress of the plays**



**Photo: Stage performance of *Macbeth***

## 5. Research and Publications

1. Akter, A. (2022). “Prospects of Assessment and Evaluation system in Online Teaching-Learning Contexts: Perceptions of Bangladeshi Tertiary Level Students”, *Innovation and Transformation for Development*. Green University of Bangladesh.
2. Akter, A. (2021). “A Study on the Current Language Situation in Bangladesh”, *Innovation and Transformation for Development*. Green University of Bangladesh.
3. Istiak, A. (2022). “Problematic Public Life for Plus-size Women: A Critical Reading of Select Public Experiences of Roxane Gay from *Hunger: A Memoir of (My) Body*.” *Praxis: Journal of the Department of English Rajshahi University*.
4. Istiak, A. (2022). “Identity and Alterity in *The Merchant of Venice* and *The Tempest*: A Comparison.” *Green University Review of Social Sciences (GURSS)*.
5. Istiak, A. (2022). “Keats’ Sufi Speaker Jumps Back to Reality: An Evaluation of “Ode to Nightingale.” *British Journal of Arts and Humanities*.
6. Johar. U. H. (2022). “Is blended learning the future of higher education?: Stakeholders’ Perspectives from Bangladesh.” *East West Journal of Humanities*.
7. Shahidullah. M. (2022). “Values, identity and Ideology in English Language Education: A critical Evaluation.” Keynote Paper presented in ITD Seminar, Green University of Bangladesh.
8. Shahidullah. M. (2022). “Politics and Global English Teaching Practice.” Keynote paper presented in Daffodil International University.
9. Nawar. M. (2022). “Word Formation Process in Cricket Terminology: A Morphological Analysis.” *Innovation and Transformation for Development*. Green University of Bangladesh.
10. Nawar. M. (2022). “Disbelief, Denial and Disaster of Climate change: A Critical study on the apocalyptic future portrayed in the film Don't Look Up.” International Conference on Humanities and Social Sciences, Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University Campus
11. Mohiuddin. M. G. “Code Switching at a Public University: A Study among Students of Science, Arts and Business Faculties.” *Journal of the Institute of Modern Languages*, University of Dhaka. 2022. ISSN:1992-8971.
12. Mohiuddin. M. G. “Code-switching tendency among Bangladeshi undergraduate students: Reasons and Results.” *Green University Review of Social Sciences*. 2022. ISSN: 2313-237X.



13. Mohiuddin. M. G. "Is It Global, Glocal or Local? English in South Asia." *Borders, Diasporas, and Multilingualism in English Studies*. Department of English, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology.
14. Mohiuddin. M. G. "A Study on the Registers of Naval Forces in Bangladesh." *Innovation and Transformation for Development*. Green University of Bangladesh.
15. Mohiuddin. M. G. "Exploring Striking Features of Garment Workers' Sociolinguistic Registers and their Impact on Users' Regular Variety." *Innovation and Transformation for Development*. Green University of Bangladesh.
16. Mohiuddin. M. G. "Can We Keep 15 Minutes to Reflect on Our Teaching?" 10th BELTA International Conference. BELTA and University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB).
17. Mohiuddin. M. G. "Frequency of Stylistic Speech Behaviours: A Private University Teachers and Students in Focus." *Ruptures and Resilience: English Studies in the Now*. North South University.